Licence for Inferior Quality Detergent

2001. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Wheel detergent powder contains 21 per cent insolubles as against 2 percent recommended for ISI Grade-IV detergent; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for issuing new licences for manufacturing detergents inferior to ISI grade and what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to prevent the company from manufacturing inferior quality detergent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 'Wheel' detergent is not covered by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Certification Mark Scheme. BIS scheme of certification for detergent powder is also not mandatory. According to BIS Standards, however, the limit for matter insoluble in water for Gr. IV detergent is 2.0% maximum.

2002. *[Transferred to the 30th March, 1989]*

Allocating Off-shore Gas to Maharashtra

2003. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have put up a demand to the Central Government for the allocation of 15 million cubic meters of offshore gas per day for industrial and other uses;

(b) if so, whether the demand has been acceded to; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Requests have been received from the Government of Maharashtra for allocation of gas for various projects such as power, sponge iron, etc. and for domestic supply.

(b) and (c) About 14.5 MMCMD of gas has been committed for various projects in the State. The present availability of gas and the commitments made already do not permit further commitments at present.

Schemes for women entrepreneurs by Khadi and Village Industries Commission

2004. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of schemes intruduced by Khadi and Village Industries Commission for women entrepreneurs, who have passed vocational courses in the country, during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 specially in Khadi and textiles;

(b) what are the names and details of such schemes and the expenditure incurred thereon, Statewise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that women do not get any incentive from Khadi Board especially in Delhi, in the case of tenders invited by K.V.I.C., Delhi for tailoring, dying, printing etc ; and

(d) if not, whether there is any scheme for young women entrepreneurs to allocate some quota in the tenders floated by K.V.I.C., if so, what are the details thereof, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) KVI Schemes cover all

categories of beneficiaries both men and women including those who have passed vocational courses. The spinning activity under khadi is carried on mainly by women. In village industries such as PCPI, Fibre, Collection of forest plants for medicinal purposes, collection of gum & katha and processing and preservation of fruit, the participation of women is significant. The total participation of women under KVI sector is 46%.

(b) As there are no separate programmes nor outlays exclusively for women entrepreneurs, no such details of schemes and expenditure incurred thereon are available. Under the schemes known as 'Spinning on NMC' where the participation of women is predominant the details of funds disbursed during 1987-88 and agreed programme for 1988-89 are as follows:-

Disbursement for setting up NMC Units during 1987-88

Industry	No. of NMC* Units	Grant (Rs. in lakhs)	CE Loan (Rs. in lakhs)
Cotton Khadi	328	5.81	133.86
Polyvastra	13	1.00	22.26

Agreed programme for 1988-89

Industry	No. of NMC* Units	Grant (Rs. in lakhs)	CE Loans (Rs. in lakhs)
Cotton Khadi	328	7.28	146.19
Polyvastra	164	4.98	71.86

*Each unit has 25 charkhas.

(c) Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi, follows the prescribed procedure for acceptance of tenders keeping in view the quality and quantity of the work required to be got done. No discrimination is made between men & women in assigning the contract work. Needy women artisans who are trained in stitching and approach Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi, are provided work on furnishing only cash security ranging between Rs.100/- to Rs. 1000/- depending on the quality of cloth issued to them for stitching. As per existing instructions women organizations including cooperatives are given encouragement to take up various production activities suited to their locality including that of stitching ready-made garments.

(d) Does not arise in view of 'c' above.

Checking the rising prices of various types of tyres

2005. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of bus/truck tyres, light truck tyres, passenger car tyres, Jeep tyres and Maruti car tyres as on 1st March, 1987 and on 1st March, 1989;

(b) what action Government propose to take to check the price rise of tyres;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to bring the import of tyres under open general licence; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?